

conquest of rebel fortifications, and the surrender of rebel armies—of the possession of Roanoke Island, Springfield, Elizabeth City, Fort Henry and Fort Donelson—the dashing charge of Landers' four hundred calvary at Bloomery Gap—the evacuation of Bowling Green—the capture of the Generals commanding the troops against the Union, and of each and all of the signal victories which have been recently won by loyal soldiers and sailors, for the sake of the free government under which we were once prosperous at home and honored abroad, whose blessings we are bound by the sacred obligations of gratitude to our fathers, and justice to our children, to transmit to the latter as rich and numerous, as we received them from the former.

Resolved, That our devotion to free institutions, and our pride in our country, have been strengthened and deepened, by the sufferings and perils through which we have been made to pass, since the revolt of the misguided people of the South. Now that the clouds of civil war are being dissipated, and the Constellation of the Union begins to beam with brighter prophecies of a grand future for a nation which can be great no longer than it is one and indivisible, we delight to honor those who would not desert its imperilled cause, and to applaud all who came forward with unparalled alacrity to succour the authorities of the Government in upholding its flag, and in maintaining its dignity and power.

Resolved, That united to the names of those who made its infant navy, as victorious as any that ever rode the seas, and the names of those who achieved on many a memorable field, an imperishable fame for the soldiers of the young Republic, must ever stand with equal lustre, the names of the sterling men who have helped to gain those superb victories which have recently thrilled all loyal hearts—the soldiers who have made the bayonet an irresistible terror to traitors at Somerset and Roanoke Island—the sailors who in the midst of mountains, and on inland rivers, stormed the batteries of Forts Henry and Donelson. We praise the genius of the General-in-Chief, who devised the details of a campaign extended over so wide a territory, and we join with him in praising those gallant men, officers, and rank and file, who crowned his strategy with success.

Resolved, That while it would be invidious to discriminate where so many have distinguished themselves, and almost impossible to determine to whom belongs the largest meed of praise, where all have borne themselves so faithfully, we do not deem ourselves unjust in tendering to Generals Burnside, Thomas, Halleck, Schoepf, Grant, Curtis and Lander, and to Commodores Goldsborough and Foote, our heartfelt thanks for their services to their country, and to the holy cause of